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PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: **MONITORING A SEMICONDUCTOR LASER UTILIZING AN INCORPORATED
BEAM SPLITTER DEVICE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Request for Continued Examination application filed herewith, please consider the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.